THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) No hydro-electric project (above 25 MW) is presently under implementation in Uttar Pradesh.

Land acquired by the NTPC in Orissa

866. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total areas of land acquired by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) from villagers in the State of Orissa for its thermal power plant;

(b) whether the NTPC has given any compensation to the land oustees;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to pay suitable compensation to these land oustees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) A total of 3684 acres of land for setting up Talcher Kaniha Project (2x500 MW + 4x500 MW) of NTPC in Orissa in the district of Angul was acquired out of which 1497 acres consists of private land which has been acquired from villagers.

(b) Land acquired for the entire project was acquired by the Government of Orissa as per the Land Acquisition Act. The compensation amount as decided by the State Government, was deposited by NTPC with Revenue Department of Government of Orissa (Special Land Acquisition Officer) for disbursement to the land oustees.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The compensation rates for the land and other properties were fixed by the State Government as per the Land Acquisition Act. An exclusive cell created for the purpose by the Government of Orissa undertakes, the disbursement of amount to all oustees as required.